

HALF NEWS 2010

Chairman's letter of November 2010

Fellow Trustees, members of the Fundraising Committee and beneficiaries, this is my last Chairman's report and also my farewell note as I have handed over the Chair of Trustees to Andrew Graham-Watson after my eventful eight years as your Chairman. I have also left Longworth for a leafy green "retirement" home in Chiswick.

I wish Andrew every success as your new Chairman. HALF is in very good shape with the usual annual 10 to 15 requests for grants, ranging from our school, clubs, students on their gap year, outings for clubs, yoga and pilates classes, to students of all ages and disciplines. We have strengthened our links with Longworth School with our three annual Progress Cups for the three pupils who have made significant progress during the previous year; one each from the three classes at the school. Each winner receives a book token in addition to being commemorated with their names engraved on the Cups.

HALF has also contributed to the replacement of the Longworth Village Hall central heating boiler.

The success of HALF is partly due to monies gifted to the charity but the majority of funds come from events which are staged with the tireless and energetic efforts of HALF's fundraising committee. Their imaginative and well-organised "productions" of Open Gardens, 10km Run, Roving Dinner Parties and Call My Wine Bluffs, to mention but four events, which are regular features of their fundraising efforts.

Our annual income is between £2,400 and £4,000 each year and through our grants we pay out approximately half of this; we have also maintained the level of our cash reserves so that HALF can go forward with good heart.

So farewell HALF – GOOD LUCK – your future starts now with a new team ready to help the Hinton and Longworth Education Fund.

Peter Darvall
Chairman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2011

Saturday 12 February 19.30 in the Village Hall	HALF QUIZ NIGHT Teams of 6 or 8 £10 per person Contact: 820183 to book
Sunday 15 May	OPEN GARDENS in Longworth <i>(NB not 8 May as previously published)</i>
Saturday 18 June	ROVING SUPPER PARTY
Sunday 25 September (tbc)	LONGWORTH 10K RUN
October (date tbc)	CALL MY WINE BLUFF
Sunday 20 November	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP
19 December (tbc)	CAROL SINGING round the Village

More details on the above events will be published nearer to each date

In addition to the above events HALF supports two YOGA CLASSES in the Village Hall:

Mondays	19.30 – 21.00 Class taken by Emma Pinchin All levels welcome Contact Mickie Hall (820315) for details
Thursdays	10.00 – 11.00 Yoga for the over 50s Class taken by Sue Read Contact Sue Read (391945) for details

What is HALF?

A trust fund established in 1994 to support group and individual educational projects or needs in Hinton or Longworth.

How does HALF work?

Each year fundraising events are held and grants are awarded of up to half the value of the money raised in the previous 12 months. Applications for grants are only accepted from residents or groups from Hinton, Duxford or Longworth. There is a Steering Group, whose composition varies depending on the fundraising agenda. New blood always welcome! Contact Mickie Hall (820315).

HALF TRUSTEES:

Andrew Graham-Watson (Chairman)
Sarah Young (Treasurer), Lorna Roche (Secretary),
Lesley Kinch, Mickie Hall, Valia Wood, Freda Stevenson

CURRENT HALF STEERING COMMITTEE

Mickie Hall (Chair), Tracey Jefferies (Secretary), Kevin Sander, Nicola McLintock, Liz Cooke, Richard Kenyon, Lesley Kinch, Robert Longstaff, Karen Fleming

On their recent retirement, we would like to thank Jennifer Duncan, who was a founder Trustee, and Ellis Auckland, both of whom were Trustees and served on the Half Steering Committee for many years. Their contribution was truly magnificent!

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Our fundraising activities in 2010 included two Roving Suppers, the annual Longworth 10km run and a new event for 2010, Carol Singing round the village on a snowy December evening. These events, together with generous individual donations, raised just over £2,300.

Grant applications for 2011 should be submitted to Sarah Young (youngs@longworth.eclipse.co.uk) by 31 May 2011. Further details of the grant process will be published nearer the time and can also be found on the HALF page of the village website www.longworthvillage.org.uk.

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